

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Ms. Shari Silbert
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Dear Ms. Silbert,

As you may be aware, Congress is actively considering legislation to establish a program to integrate Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) into the national airspace and to develop multiple UAS test ranges. As members of Virginia's Congressional Delegation from the Hampton Roads region, we are well aware of the ongoing UAS testing activities and missions at NASA Wallops Flight Facility, and the significant experience and expertise that Wallops has developed in the ever-expanding use of UAS's for military and commercial purposes.

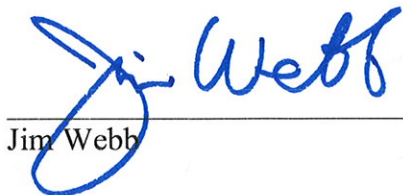
We understand that NASA is conducting scoping for a site-wide Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to facilitate expanded operations at Wallops. As part of this NEPA scoping, NASA will be identifying and studying alternatives that include a number of new or expanded activities at Wallops. Given Wallops' expertise and existing UAS testing infrastructure, we strongly believe that Wallops Flight Facility is an ideal location for a UAS test range, and request that NASA include a UAS test range in the alternatives that the agency will evaluate in the PEIS.

Please let us know how we can further support the important work that NASA is doing at Wallops Flight Facility.

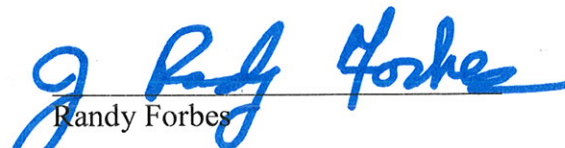
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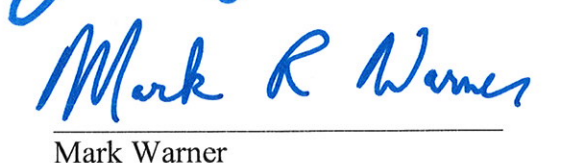
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